

REMARKS

A Notice of Allowance was mailed in the above-identified application on November 4, 2004. This amendment is filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312 after allowance and before payment of the issue fee.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicants have amended the specification to update the "Related Applications" section. This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/313,679, which has now issued into U.S. Patent No. 6,375,635. No new matter has been added.

Telephone Interview with the Examiner

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Williams for her courtesies during a telephone interview conducted on November 1, 2004 with representative for Applicants, Michael Pomianek (Reg. No. 46,190). The following is a complete written statement of the substance of the interview, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.133(b).

The Examiner initiated the interview for the purpose of placing the claims in condition for allowance. The Examiner proposed amending independent claims 29, 31 and 56 in the manner set forth in the Examiner's Amendment sent with the Notice of Allowance. Without acceding to the necessity of the amendments, during the interview, Michael Pomianek agreed to the proposed claim amendments solely to expedite prosecution and place this application in condition for allowance. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation applications directed to the relinquished subject matter.

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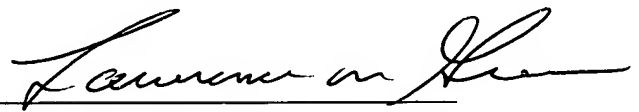
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Conclusion

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment by the Examiner at the earliest possible date. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone to advance the prosecution in any respect. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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